

Homegoing Celebration
of
Ruth H. Newman



Arrival
November 23, 1926

Departure
August 10, 2017

"Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies ... Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." Proverbs 31, 10 & 29

Service

Friday, August 18, 2017
11:00 A.M.
Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church
1741 Fred Jackson Way
Richmond, California



We enter this world from "The Great Unknown" and God gives each spirit a form of its own; for all men are born to return as they came, and birth and death are in essence the same. The purpose of death, which is but to gain, life everlasting in God's Great Domain.

On November 23, 1926, God in his great love and wisdom sent Ruth Helen to her loving parents, George and Nannie Lee in Lake Providence, Louisiana. She attended school in Lake Providence and accepted the Lord at an early age. Ruth relocated to San Pablo, California in 1948. It was there she met and married Mitchell Newman, Jr. in 1949 and where they raised their six children. She united with Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in 1952 under the leadership of the late Rev. G.G. Griffin.

Ruth was a devoted, diligent Christian and began doing the work of the Lord as a young child. She was a Sunday school teacher and sang in a gospel singing group formed with her brother and two sisters, "The Lee Singers." Ruth's love for singing was evidenced by her participation in church and O. E. S. choirs.

As with her love for the church, Ruth was a founding member of Faith Chapter #28, Order of the Eastern Star for over 65 years. Additionally, she held offices in all seven houses. She also participated on the Matron and Patron Council. Ruth loved her family and friends unconditionally. Her door and heart were never closed when anyone called upon her in their time of need. She never said "no" or turned anyone away.

She was employed by the One Hour Martinizing Cleaners in San Anselmo for 16 years. Ruth was also an accomplished self-taught seamstress. She often told stories of how she would stay up late at night sewing with her mother. Ruth also worked as a teacher's aide at Harry Ells High School where she taught sewing. Being a "jack of many trades" she was also a beautician and a wonderful cook. She was known to always have a freshly baked cake and a hot meal with homemade biscuits waiting whenever you visited her. Ruth enjoyed growing and attending to her flowers and playing Bingo with her children. Ruth was a strong believer in family and enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grands.

On August 10, 2017, God looked down and saw it was cold and dark and his child was tired and weary. So he said, it is done my child, you have fought a good fight, come and take your rest. Ruth was preceded in death by her husband of 33 years, Mitchell Newman Jr., and her daughter Rosia T. Newman. She leaves to cherish her memory her children: Mitchell Newman III (Diane) of Vallejo, CA; Brenda Gray (Henry) of Richmond, CA; Peggy Hill (Edward) of El Sobrante, CA; Kirkland Newman (Sharlene) of San Pablo, CA; and Beverly McBride of Fairfield, CA. Three sisters: Willie Allen and Lucy Stevenson of Richmond, CA; and Nannie Bonner of Tracy, CA; 19 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; 1 great, great grandchild; one godson, Antwain James, and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Rev. Jesse Mason, Officiating

Processional.....Family and Friends

Scripture.....Minister

Old Testament.....Psalms 30:1-5

New Testament.....Revelations 21:1-7

Prayer.....Minister

Musical Selection.....Macedonia Choir

Acknowledgement of Cards & Condolences.....Eula Gullledge

Musical Selection..... *"He's Able"*Tony Montgomery and Friends

Expressions (pre-selected by family only).....Bishop Alvin Moore

Eula Gullledge

Tara Burton

Eddie Russell

Pulpit Expressions.....Ministers

Solo..... *"When you Hear of My Homegoing"*Minister Cynthia Harris

Resolutions.....Joyce Pierce

Reading of Obituary.....Tara Burton

Solo..... *"I Won't Complain"*David Hartfield

Eulogy.....Rev. Jesse Mason

Glimpse 'Til Glory..... *"God Has Smiled On Me"*Sunset View Directors

Recessional

Interment

Rolling Hills Memorial Park

Officiating

Reverend Jesse Mason, Pastor

Active Pallbearers

*Eddie Russell
Raymond Willis, III*

*James Hill
Kirkland Newman, Jr.*

*Douglas Alessio
Mitchell Newman, IV*

Honorary Pallbearers

*Mitchell Newman, III
Henry Gray*

*Kirkland Newman, Sr.
Alvin Moore*

*Edward Hill
Antwain James*

In A Garden of Angels

Life is a gift not ours to keep, a seed unsown and yet we still reap.

Here for only a very short while, the heavenly reality of an earthly denial.

Like a flickering light, here and then gone,

The essence of what love is based upon.

Birth and death the beginning and the end,

As one heart breaks, another one mends.

What was never ours is no more, returning to whom it belonged before?

Tear filled eyes silence the heart, as body and spirit slowly part.

Life is a journey from first breath to last,

Memories left behind in the eternal past.

The here and now releases becoming a remember when,

Replanting the seed so that new harvest can begin.

With trembling hands love says good-bye,

But still the heart can't help but ask, "Why God, why?"

A heavenly destination will be reached this day,

And in a Garden for Angels another spirit will awaken to play

Acknowledgements

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Special thanks to Mrs. Lovely Hill. Your unselfish devotion and sacrifice in the care of our mother was greatly appreciated and reassuring. We wish God's blessing upon each of you and pray that He keeps His caring arms around you.